IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10-30 without prejudice.

1. (Original) A method, comprising:

receiving a broadcast transaction from a requestor in a computer system;

determining if a command queue is full;

dispatching the broadcast transaction to the command queue if the command queue is not full; and

issuing a delay transaction response to the requestor if the command queue is full.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the broadcast transaction is an End-of-Interrupt transaction.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

forcing other transactions to retry if the delay transaction response was issued;

receiving a retry of the broadcast transaction from the requestor if the delay transaction response was issued; and

dispatching the retried broadcast command to the command queue if the command queue is not full.

4. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

a command queue coupled to a detector to detect if the command queue is full;

a command dispatcher coupled to the command queue and the detector, the command dispatcher including:

logic to dispatch a broadcast command from a requestor to the command queue if the command queue is not full; and

logic to respond to the requestor with a delay transaction response if the command queue is full.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the broadcast command is an End-of-Interrupt transaction.

6. (Original) The apparatus of claim 4, further including logic to force a retry of subsequent commands until a retried broadcast command has been dispatched to the command queue.

7. (Original) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon instructions, which when executed by at least one machine cause said at least one machine to perform:

receiving a broadcast transaction from a requestor in a computer system;

determining if a command queue is full;

dispatching the broadcast transaction to the command queue if the command queue is not full; and

issuing a delay transaction response to the requestor if the command queue is full.

8. (Original) The medium of claim 7, wherein the broadcast transaction is an End-of-Interrupt transaction.

9. (Original) The medium of claim 7, further comprising:

forcing other transactions to retry if the delay transaction response was issued;

receiving a retry of the broadcast transaction from the requestor if the delay transaction response was issued; and

dispatching the retried broadcast command to the command queue if the command queue is not full.

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